New State Officer Proposed.

A movement is on foot for the creation of a new office in this State, and the person who fills it if the movement succeeds, will be known as the State High School Inspector. The State Board of Education has prepared a bill creating the office, and it will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature. The duties of the inspector will be:

To make a comparative study of the courses in the various High Schools of the State, and the method and efficiency of the instruction given, in order that this information may be placed at the service of the local boards of education throughout the State.

To examine the buildings, apparatus and equipment of the High Schools, and by his expert knowledge of the best modern devices to place full information within the reach of school boards about to erect, remodel or equip High School buildings.

To study the best practice of other States in all matters pertaining to High Schools and High School problems, so that our State may take advantage of the best experience of other States.

To report annually facts for the information of the State, and for the helpful guidance of local boards of education and school superintendents.

To assist local boards of education in devising ways and means by which High School facilities may be provided for pupils in school districts where there are no High Schools, so that no worthy and ambitious student may be denied the privilege of a High School education.

To enable the State Board of Education to establish a definite High School standard, so that graduates of schools meeting this standard may be admitted without examination to the State Normal School. This cannot be done on the basis of paper or other reports and printed courses of study, but demands not only that the course as laid out be satisfactory, but that they be satisfactorily maintained. This information is obtainable only by personal investigation.

The promoters of the bill thus set forth the benefits that will flow from it:

The improvement both in quantity and quality of High School teaching in the State, where pupils, particularly in the smaller towns and country districts, would have a better opportunity to fit themselves for important posts of usefulness.

The passage of pupils from grade to grade from the lowest to the highest grade in our State system would be made easier, and the admission of our High School graduates to colleges and universities on certificate without examination would be promoted.

The High School diploma of graduation from New Jersey schools would have a recognized value, and would admit to professional schools of medicine, law, dentistry and pharmacy, to the great advantage of the youth of our State, who are now compelled to take special examinations because there is no State inspection to attest the value of such diplomas.

State license to practice medicine and other professions would be accepted in lieu of examinations by States which now refuse to establish reciprocity relations with New Jersey because of the absence of State inspection of High Schools.

The common schools would be greatly benefited, since it has become a well-recognized truth that what strengthens the highest grade acts powerfully to strengthen the grades below it.

There would be a wiser expenditure of public money for High School purposes, and such mistakes would be avoided as result from inexperience and inadequate information.

There is a good-sized surplus in the State Treasury. The State Board of Education and its allies constitute one of the strongest wire-pulling combinations at the State capital, and the bill only needs to be introduced to become a law and the office created.

FEW THERE—MUCH TALK.

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that question was that the members of the committee were themselves divided in opinion on that subject.

One speaker alluded to the renewal of the contract by the Town Council about ten years ago, and cited some of the incidents of that work. "If we had such a Council as that now," declared one of those present, "we would not hesitate about following its advice."

The outlook for the success of the municipal ownership issue at the polls on the 19th inst. was a theme of speculation, and varying predictions were made. One speaker optimistictly declared that it was going through with a "whoop." Others, more moderate in their views, thought that perhaps the people would do some thinking before voting. An impression seemed to prevail that the First and Second Wards would vote against purchase of the plant, but in Watsessing there would be an almost unanimous vote the other way.

An expression of a lack of confidence in the present Council led the meeting into local politics. The query was how to get good men to stand for Councilmen. One speaker did not consider it a difficult task. Another said it was exceedingly difficult, and it had been so demonstrated within the past few weeks when several people had been approached with a request to stand as a candidate for member of the Town Council, and they had all flatly refused. Some explanations as to causes of refusal made it clear that the saloon question was the difficulty.

One speaker declared that choice material for the Town Council could not be secured until the saloon question was absolutely divorced from Councilmanic affairs by the creation of an excise board elected by the people. One speaker said that in politics he was a partisan, but he thought that the present conditions in Bloomfield were such that partisan politics should be dropped and a general movement made on the part of all good citizens who were interested in the welfare of the town to get together and organize and support a good government movement. A gathering of at least one hundred citizens requesting any certain man to be a candidate for Councilman and pledging support to him in the opinion of the speaker would result in getting good men in control of the government.

There was in the audience one of the veteran local politicians who could not suppress a smile as he listened to the exploiting of political ideals.

After going the rounds of municipal affairs, the discussion got back to the water question. Fear was expressed that the town would meet with difficulty in disposing of bonds in this period of financial stagnation. The cost of operating a water plant under town ownership was a theme that brought out conflicting views, showing that the assemblage was not of a unanimous opinion on the general subject of municipal ownership. The cost of extension of the water mains that would immediately follow town ownership of the plant was another debatable point, in which opinions differed.

While those present differed widely in opinion in some matters pertaining to the issue to be fought out at the polls on Tuesday, January 19, they were all unanimously of the opinion that steps should be taken for a full and free public discussion of the question, and it was suggested that action be taken for the holding of meetings in every election district in the town, at while the advantages and disadvantages of municipal ownership under the conditions that offer here in Bloomfield can be set forth by those holding views either on one side or the other of the question at issue.

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Cases of typhoid fever, which have appeared in different parts of Orange within the past week or two, have perplexed the officials of the Board of Health. For days they labored without discovering the cause of infection, and now, after a thorough investigation, they have become convinced that the cases are due to a shipment of oysters received in Orange shortly before the fever broke out.

"We have seven cases of typhoid in various parts of the city now," said Health Officer William Schuler, "and we believe that we have established the cause. When we found that they were not confined to one section of town it gave us a big scare, for we thought it meant that our water supply was contaminated.

"An investigation showed that such was not the case, and then we set about looking for other sources of infection, contaminated wells, cesspools and other places where the typhoid bacilli might be found. That brought us no results. All the people we found, on being questioned, said they had been living in town along, and most of them do business here, so that disposed of the theory that they might have contracted the disease somewhere else.

"About that time we discovered that one of the patients had eaten heartily of raw oysters, purchased in town. That set us to thinking, and we made inquiries that established the fact that the other sufferers had done likewise. Further investigation has confirmed us in the belief that the outbreak has resulted from the consumption of oysters procured from infected beds."

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Deland, Margaret	Dr. Lavendar's people,	D838d	
Duncan, Norman	Way of the sea,	D913w	
Hyne, C. J. C. W.	Adventures of Captain Kettle.	H997a	
King, Capt. Charles	Apache princess,	K52a	
Kirk, Mrs. E. O.	Goodbye, proud world,	K59g	
Lewis, A. H.	The boss,	L673b	
Lighton, W. R.	Ultimate moment,	L724u	
Manning, Marie	Judith of the plains,	M284j	
Peattie, Mrs. E. (W.)	Edge of things,	P363e	
Smith, F. H.	Colonel Carter's Christmas,	S647col	
Thurston, M. N.	On the road to Arcady,	T546o	
	LITERATURE.		
Aldrich, T. B.	Ponkapog papers,	814	A36
Brewer, D. J. and others.	ed. World's best orations. 10v.	r808.5	B84
Cameron, Margaret	Comedies in miniature,	817	C18
Carlyle, Thomas	Critical and miscellaneous essays. 5v.	824	C28c
Saxe, J. G.	Poetical works,	811	S27
	HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY.		
Gordon, Gen. J. B.	Reminiscences of the Civil War,	973.78	G66
Hoar, G. F.	Autobiography of 70 years. 2v.	92	H67
Howe, M. & Hall, Mrs. F. (H.)	Laura Bridgman,	92	B85h
	MISCELLANEOUS.		
Abbott, Lyman	Other room,	204	A13
Gall, James	Easy guide to the constellations,	523.8	G16
Redway, J. W.	Commercial geography,	650	R32
Staunton, Howard	Laws and practice of chess,	794	S79
Sturgis, Russell	How to judge architecture,	720	S93
Washington, B. T. & others	Negro problem,	326	W31
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Alden, W. L.	Adventures of Jimmy Brown,	jA359a	
Crothers, S. M.	Miss Muffet's Christmas party.	jC951m	
Deland, E. D.	Three girls of Hazelmere,	jD337t	
Donnell, A. H.	Camp Fidelity girls,	jD685c	
Hamblen, H. E.	We win; life and adventures of a young railroader,	jH199w	
Overton, Gwendolen	Captain's daughter,	jO96c	
Taggart, M. A.	At Aunt Anna's,	jT125a	
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Baker, R. S.	Boys' second book of inventions,	j608	B16b
Johnson, W. H.	Pioneer Spaniards in North America,	j973.1	J71
Lang, Andrew, ed.	Crimson fairy book,	j398	L26c
Patterson, A. J.	Spinner family,	j595.4	P31
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Receipts.

Cash in Bank		$3,977 25
Dues	$28,796 50	
Interest	8,875 86	
Fines	236 76	
Premiums	10 48	
		37,919 60
Bills Payable		32,611 43
Paid on Stock Loans	5,050 00	
Paid on Bond and Mortgage Loans	24,375 00	
		29,425 00
Sale of Real Estate		2,500 00
Insurance		8 00
Rents		1,143 13
		$107,584 41

Disbursements.

7th Series Matured	$22,600 00
Withdrawals	15,654 37
Stock Loans	6,150 00
Bond and Mortgage	29,210 31
Bills Payable	29 000 00
Salary Treasurer	200 00
" Secretary	325 00
" Clerk	24 00
Taxes, Insurance, etc.	1,342 29
Due on Loans of 1902	1,416 38
Dues returned	10 00
Cash in Bank	1,652 06
	$107,584 41

Assets.

Cash in Bank		$1,652 06
Dues	$494 00	
Interest	402 93	
Fines	437 59	
		1,334 52
Stock Loan	7,348 00	
Bond and Mortgage Loan	140,640 00	
		147,988 00
Furniture		75 00
Temporary Loans		70 59
Real Estate		11,941 14
		$163,061 31

Liabilities.

58 Shares Series A		$3,124 96
130 " " 8		24,666 38
86 " " 9		14,572 37
122 " " 10		17,545 25
185 " " 11		22,787 34
199 " " 12		20,682 14
110 " " 13		9,543 88
182 " " 14		12,647 39
180½ " " 15		9,729 50
52½ " " 16		2,454 76
191 " " 17		7,510 35
51 " " 18		1,655 33
222 " " 19		5,645 40
88 " " 20		1,662 21
311 " " 21		3,844 96
130 " " 22		799 40
Bills Payable		4,000 00
Due Borrowers		189 69
		$163,061 31

The undersigned Auditing Committee hereby certify that they have examined the books of the Secretary, the securities in the hands of the Treasurer, have also made personal inquiry at the Bloomfield National Bank as to the balance standing to the credit of the Association, and find the same to conform to the foregoing accounts which are correct.

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